

Doings at the Court House

A KILLING NEAR YUBA FRIDAY P. M.

Jim Lawson, Shot To Death. Walter Meeks In Jail Charged With Murder.

As a result of a shooting that occurred last Friday night about eight o'clock, at the home of Grandma Hutcherson, one mile east of Yuba, Jim Lawson, aged forty-five, father of eight children is dead, and Walter Meeks, is in the county jail charged with murder. Lawson was shot once in the breast with a shot gun and died instantly. Meeks then went to Roberta and phoned officers, who went and brought him to Durant.

There is quite a complex chain of circumstances that seem to have brought a degree of ill feeling that probably led to the killing.

About a year ago, Meeks and his wife were divorced and the woman later married Jim Lawson. Lawson had eight children by a former marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Meeks had two children, a boy six years of age and a baby girl. When Mrs. Meeks married Lawson she took her baby girl with her, the father keeping the boy. This seems to have brought on unfriendly feeling between Meeks and Lawson, who were neighbors.

Last week there was a case in Justice Archibald's court here in which Jim Lawson sought to eject Will Carter from a piece of property. Among the witnesses appearing in behalf of the defendant, Carter, was Walter Meeks, a brother-in-law of Carter. The plaintiff lost the case, and seems to have resented the testimony of Meeks at the trial.

That evening Jim Lawson, brother of Jamison and Tom Meeks, a brother of Walter Meeks, started home in a wagon and stopped at the home of Grandma Hutcherson. A little later along came another vehicle in which were Walter Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carter, Della Ciresles and Walter Hutcherson, grandson of Grandma Hutcherson. The later arrivals drove to the back of the place the others being in the front, and someone told Carter, who had won the suit from Lawson, that Lawson was out in front and that he had better not go around there. Meeks, it seems was pretty well incensed at Lawson for some reason, for it is said that in some way he went into the house and procured a loaded shotgun and then went out front and sat down on the porch.

Out in front several of the group were talking about one thing and another and the subject of the law suit came up. Lawson is said to have kidded one or two of the party about their testimony, and finally made slighting reference to the testimony of one whom he did not name, but from the epithet applied, was taken to mean Meeks. Upon hearing this Meeks is said to have walked out, to where the crowd stood, made the remark that he had taken all he intended to off of Lawson, and proceeded to shoot him at close range.

After the killing Meeks phoned officers to get him and met them at Roberta. He is still in jail. Time for the examining trial had not been set up to Tuesday afternoon.

Charged With Assault

Otis Roach, aged 18, farm hand employed by E. P. Goad, living near Borington, was arrested last week charged with an assault upon the seven-year-old daughter of his employer, and was lodged in jail. Roach is charged with meeting the child in the road and attacking her.

Feeling was pretty high against the young man over the crime.

Roach when interviewed by the county attorney made a clean confession of his crime and now is in jail awaiting an opportunity to plead guilty and take sentence.

Store Thieves In Jail

Jess Tullis and George Ruby are in jail charged with robbing the store of M. L. Taylor, 9th and Georgia Streets Monday night. They were picked up at the depot Tuesday noon by city officer Skidney Rose as they were getting ready to leave town. They are in jail. They also confessed to having stolen a Ford at Morris, Oklahoma and later selling it at McAlester, and admitted that they went all over Durant Monday night looking for a Ford that suited them. When arrested, they said, they were on their way to Caddo, where they intended to steal a car that night.

Inspected Gravel Roads

The entire Board of County Commissioners were up near Muskogee this week inspecting some roads that have been built from Celina gravel, which is being considered in the construction of roads in this county.

Up For Burglary

Elisha Freeman is in trouble with the law over burglarizing the house of Noah Alfrington near Caddo, which he said he did to get something to eat. His confession says that he opened the window and entered, while the folks were away, taking 5 gallons of syrup, 2 pails of lard, 4 cans of tomatoes, 1 ham, 1 can of berries, besides some spoons, table linen, and crochet work. He is in jail.

Raided "Choc" Joint

A "Choc" joint was closed up Sunday night when Officers Jim Etchinson and R. J. Howard raided the place of Flabby Tinsley in the north part of the city. About fifty gallons of choctaw beer mash, extract and paraphernalia for manufacturing beer were found and destroyed. Tinsley was brought in and charged with violating the prohibition laws.

LAWYERS OFFICERS OF THE STATE IN KANSAS, COURT SAYS

The Kansas Supreme Court has held that in that State a lawyer is an officer of the State and not the sole hireling of his client and that a lawyer who is so zealous for his client that he oversteps the bounds of propriety may be barred from practice. The decision was rendered in a disbarment case in which a lawyer was barred for getting drunk and indulging in sharp practices for the benefit of clients.

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Some Points To Be Observed If We Would Prevent Cases of Typhoid and Dysentery, This Summer

(By Dr. A. R. Lewis, State Health Commissioner)

Nobody any longer discounts the worth of pure drinking water.

And most persons, as well as cities have learned that the possession of a splendid water supply is a big boost for any community. Ignorance and indifference has, therefore been supplanted in nearly all municipalities by a lively interest in this most important question.

The sanitary quality of private water supplies must be judged by the individual who owns the well or spring, for at the present time only samples from municipal waterworks are analyzed at the State Laboratory. Exception to this rule is made in case of suspected source.

In surveying the premises in general, the question that should be kept uppermost in mind is this: Does any opportunity exist in our human intestinal or urinary discharge to gain access to the water? Pollution by the lower animals is rarely dangerous because lower animals are seldom subject to the same infectious disease as humans. Furthermore, the only human diseases that are considered as being transmitted by drinking water are intestinal infections of which typhoid and dysentery are the most common examples.

A well may become contaminated from the top or the water bearing strata may be affected by near-by sources of ground pollution so far as underground contamination is concerned, it is well to remember that the average soil is a good filter and the straining action of the soil and the ageing of contamination during travel toward the well greatly reduce the chance of this source of pollution through underground channels.

Greatest sources of contamination are cesspools, privies, and leaky sewers. These do not constitute a serious menace, however, if removed as much as 75 feet from a well. The character of the soil has such bearing on this. And a deep cesspool, or so-called sewage well, which extends down to water-bearing formations constitutes a dangerous source to all supply wells in the vicinity.

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WELL PRODUCING 200,000 BARRELS EVERY DAY

A well recently completed in the Hampton district of Mexico has been flowing at the rate of 200,000 barrels a day, according to a letter received from Arthur Senecal, who not long ago went into that district as employee of a big oil concern.

On going down to the oil fields, he wrote, "we went fifty miles by horse and the rest by automobile. It is only the sight of a life time to see the gas escaping from the

wells is piped off to one side and set afire, so that the valley is covered with gas flames which make it almost as bright as day. While I was there our company drilled in what is said to be the largest oil well in the world, making 200,000 barrels a day. The gas was escaping with such force the ground for two miles around the well shook, and one could not get within half a mile of it because of the noise."

NEW THEATRE OPENED

The R. & R. Lyric, Durant's new, best motion picture theatre opened for business last Saturday with a free matinee for the children between the hours of ten in the morning and two in the afternoon, and to be sure, the place was crowded. This makes three first class motion picture houses in Durant.

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GONE TO MARKET

Lynn Click and Joe Houghton are in the market this week buying goods for their new store to be known as the Click-Houghton Dry Goods Company which opens shortly.

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AIN'T IT THE TRUTH



A fellow is liable to make a donkey of himself if he bets on the other fellows tricks.

When "Yours Truly" was a boy and lived back in the forks of the creek, he used to get "city slicked" every time he came to town.

One day, down at the wagon yard, a "smart-alec" approached him, said:—"I'll bet you a dime I can stick my knife blade through your hat-brim and not leave a hole," the wager was made and the "lucres" put in the hands of a disinterested (?) stakeholder;—and would you believe it, he soured his knife-blade clear through my Sunday hat brim, and yanked. 'Tis true he didn't leave any hole, but there was a horrible "split" place left to tell the tale. Gentle reader, then and there I made up my mind that as long as I lived never again would I bet on the other fellows tricks.

But all merchants weren't fortunate enough to get this lesson. Scarcely a day passes but what customers tell us of some of our fellow grocers in speaking of us, say:—"He is selling stuff at less than it cost him". Gentle Reader, the next time you hear such a statement, tell 'em—"No brother, that fellow "Yours Truly" is not selling "stuff" at less than it cost HIM, he's selling it at less than it cost YOU.

Gentle reader anytime you think all retail grocers pay the same price for stuff, you've certainly got another guess coming. There's a difference in buying power, there's a difference in the merchant who is slow pay and the one who is prompt pay. Then again the grocer who sells only for cash always gets better prices from the wholesale man than the one who sells on credit, as you know we sell only for cash and we are just as particular about the buying end, as we are the selling end. We are as poor as the proverbial church mouse, but no goggle-eyed human can stand on two feet and say this store owes him one dime on past due account.

A WORD ABOUT OUR SERVICE.

We have eight young men helping take care of our trade; they are just humans, no doubt they forget and speak short to the customers sometimes, but it isn't the policy of the owner to do it. Sometimes they don't "fix up" your purchases just like they should, sometimes they say—"they haven't time" then I tell 'em, I'd rather pay out a full days salary, than have one customer leave the store dissatisfied."

Our boys are improving daily; they are making service a study; they are building for the future, they know that the amount of their pay check depends largely on the kind of service they render to our customers entrusted to their care. Trade at the store "that cares".

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